



City of Beverly, Massachusetts

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RE: BEVERLY AWARDED \$30,000 RECYCLING DIVIDENDS PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

BEVERLY – The City of Beverly was recently awarded a \$30,000 Sustainable Materials Recovery Program - Recycling Dividends Program (RDP) grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Bureau of Air & Waste. The grants are designed to help maximize recycling, composting and waste reduction programs.

The Baker-Polito Administration awarded more than \$2.9 million in recycling grants to 262 Massachusetts cities, towns, and solid waste districts. 219 communities qualified for the Recycling Dividends Program. 43 municipalities were awarded Small Scale Initiative Grants.

The Recycling Dividends Program recognizes municipalities that have implemented policies and programs proven to maximize materials for reuse, recycling, and waste reduction. Communities must reinvest RDP funds into their recycling programs on expenditures such as new recycling bins, public education outreach campaigns, collection of hard-to-recycle items, and the establishment of recycling programs in schools, municipal buildings and other public spaces.

The RDP was rolled out in 2014 as the newest initiative under MassDEP's Sustainable Materials Recovery Program, which was created by the Green Communities Act of 2008. MassDEP is responsible for ensuring clean air and water, safe management and recycling of solid and hazardous wastes, timely cleanup of hazardous waste sites and spills and the preservation of wetlands and coastal resources.

"I want to thank Governor Baker, Lieutenant Governor Polito and the MassDEP for this grant that helps our community invest in our recycling program, to decrease the waste stream, reducing both our amounts of trash and costs for trash disposal and saving valuable tax dollars. Beverly is a leader in sustainable and green community initiatives," stated Beverly Mayor Michael Cahill.

Kerin Cotter, Engineering Department commented "Beverly is grateful to receive this grant award from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection that will help the city to continue to reuse, recycle and further our waste reduction goals. The City of Beverly has been designated a Green Community since 2011. Thanks to Sharon Kishida, MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator for the Northeast District 2, for her support with our recycling initiatives."

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